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17 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT : Erection of Antennae - Emergency Communications

1. The attached is in connection with the erection of an antenna farm on the roof tops of North, South, and Administration Buildings to provide emergency communications in case of disaster. This matter originated with the Office of Communications in their memorandum dated 28 September 1953 addressed to the DCI which was forwarded to this Office by [REDACTED] (Tab A). [REDACTED] remarks on the routing slip stated the Director should be advised of intended action.

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2. General Services Office working thru Public Buildings Service has obtained an estimated cost of \$31,660 for the erection of the antennae, (Tab B). The Acting Comptroller in his memorandum of 14 December 1953, (Tab C), has given his opinion that the cost of this project should be charged to emergency planning and advised that this account does not have an adequate allotment to meet this cost. He further advised the necessary funds can be made available from the general review and re-scheduling of Agency obligations which will be made early in January.

3. It is now necessary to advise Public Buildings Service on this matter, either that we desire to go ahead and request them to obtain a contract for the erection of the antennae or that it has been decided to drop the matter and no further action taken. In view of [REDACTED] remarks, it is my opinion that the matter should be referred to the DCI before proceeding further. In order that this may be done, a blue slip has been prepared for the DCI.

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